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Credentials of representatives of participating States in the Review Conference on the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks

Report of the Credentials Committee

Chairperson: Mr. Amarawansa **Hettiarachchi** (Sri Lanka)

1. On 23 May 2006, the Review Conference on the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks ("Review Conference") appointed a Credentials Committee of nine members from representatives of the parties to the Agreement, as follows: Germany, India, Mauritius, Norway, Saint Lucia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Ukraine and Uruguay.

2. The Credentials Committee held its meeting on 24 May 2006.

3. The Credentials Committee elected Mr. Amarawansa Hettiarachchi (Sri Lanka) as Chairperson and Mr. Patrick Jacobs (South Africa) as Vice-Chairperson, by acclamation.

4. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretariat, dated 23 May 2006, on the status of credentials of representatives of States participating in the Review Conference. The Secretary made a statement supplementing the memorandum with regard to including those credentials and communications received subsequent to the preparation of the memorandum.

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5. As noted in paragraph 1 of the memorandum, as orally supplemented during the meeting, formal credentials issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs had been received by the Secretariat for the representatives of the following 38 States participating in the Review Conference: Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Belize, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, Chile, China, Cyprus, Ecuador, El Salvador, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Iceland, India, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, the Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Morocco, Norway, Peru, Poland, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Slovakia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sweden, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America and Uruguay.

6. As noted in paragraph 2 of the memorandum, the formal credentials issued by the President of the European Commission had also been submitted for the representatives of the European Community.

7. As noted in paragraph 3 of the memorandum, as orally supplemented during the meeting, information concerning the appointment of representatives participating in the Review Conference had been communicated by means of facsimile or in the form of letters or notes verbales from ministries, embassies, permanent missions to the United Nations or other government offices or authorities, or through local United Nations offices, by the following 53 States participating in the Review Conference: Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Barbados, Belgium, Bolivia, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Fiji, Finland, France, Honduras, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Kenya, Kuwait, Latvia, Lebanon, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mexico, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Pakistan, Palau, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Qatar, Romania, Saint Lucia, Samoa, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Spain, the Syrian Arab Republic, Tonga, Tunisia, Ukraine, the United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam and Yemen.

8. The Chairperson proposed that the Credentials Committee accept the credentials of all the representatives mentioned in the memorandum by the Secretariat, supplemented by the additional information provided by the Secretariat during the meeting of the Committee, on the understanding that formal credentials of the representatives referred to in paragraph 3 of the Secretariat's memorandum would be communicated to the Secretariat as soon as possible. The following draft resolution was proposed by the Chairperson for adoption by the Committee:

> "*The Credentials Committee*,
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> "*Having examined* the credentials of the representatives of participating States in the Review Conference on the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks referred to in paragraphs 1 to 3 of the memorandum by the Secretariat dated 23 May 2006, supplemented by the additional information provided by the Secretariat during the meeting of the Credentials Committee,
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> "*Accepts* the credentials of the representatives concerned."

9. The draft resolution was adopted by the Committee without a vote.

10. Subsequently, the Chairperson proposed that the Committee recommend to the Review Conference the adoption of a draft resolution (see para. 12). The proposal was adopted without a vote.

11. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the Review Conference.

Recommendation of the Credentials Committee

12. The Credentials Committee recommends to the Review Conference the adoption of the following draft resolution:

> **"Credentials of representatives of participating States in the Review Conference on the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks**
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> "*The Review Conference on the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks,*
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> "*Approves* the report of the Credentials Committee."